

Bug Hotel

This simple, yet sturdy, insect observatory lets young entomologists check in guests, then check 'em out.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Oatmeal container
- Markers
- Poster paints and brushes
- Utility knife
- Screen

Time needed: Under 1 Hour



Step 1:

Use markers or poster paint to decorate the outside of the oatmeal container, making sure you post the house rules!

Step 2:

Paint or draw the shutters, then use a craft knife (adults only) to cut them out with sideways H shapes.

Step 3:

Paint the door, then cut it out, making sure its bottom edge is at least 1/4 inch above the floor inside (to keep guests from checking out too early).

Step 4:

Roll the screening so it rests snugly around the inside of the container. Trim so the top edge fits beneath the lid and leave a 1-inch overlap where the side edges meet.

Tips:

Be sure to provide guests with food (notice what they were eating when you found them) and water (a filled plastic bottle cap should meet their needs).

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